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CIA data may be disclosed at trial

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WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — A re-
tired Air Force general whose em-
bezzlement trial starts today has the
intelligence community worried
with vows to launch a defense that
includes releasing information re-
garding CIA activities.

Maj. Gen. Richard B. Collins, 55,
and his Miami attorneys said they
would divulge information about se-
cret U.S. cash used to bankroll covert
CIA operations in Southeast Asia and
elsewhere.

Collins, a former aide of Alexander M. Haig Jr., was once assigned to manage spy money in Europe. He is accused of channeling about \$445,000 into his Swiss bank accounts and keeping about \$19,000 in interest.

A safe was installed next to the
federal courtroom where the trial
will be held. The CIA has scrutinized
the fourth-floor hallways in the West
Palm Beach courthouse, and addi-
tional U.S. marshals have been as-
signed as security, officials said.

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